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ACCLAMATION ALL AROUND.

Council and School Board for 1910 Elected Without Opposition.

Monday was nomination day, and as was expected, the Mayor and Councillors were elected by acclamation. W. S. Mooney will occupy the Mayor's chair for 1910; Councillors McDermid and Hotson were re-elected, and in John Ross the people of Lacombe have secured a new and valuable addition to the council.

A desperate effort was made by a couple of gentlemen to have a contest, but when it got to time for nominations they laid down and threw up the sponge. It is just as well that they did. Bad feelings would have been engendered if they had succeeded—and that would not be good for the town.

Dr. Sharpe and A. M. Campbell were elected school trustees.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fortune was the scene of a most enjoyable social event last Thursday night. About sixty guests assembled, and progressive euchre occupied their time until supper, after which dancing was indulged in until the wee sma' hours. Mrs. Stringer carried off the ladies' prize, while Mr. D. C. Gourlay captured the gentlemen's.

The teachers of the Lacombe School have been engaged until the end of the school year, June 30, 1910.



Christmas - Shopping - at McLeod's

Christmas will be here before we realize it, and the time is all too short to do your shopping, but don't put off till the last minute, as a great portion of the most desirable goods will go first so shop early. BEGIN AT ONCE!

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I dont think we have forgotten anything in Christmas needs for the table, We have maintained a low price, but

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Labrador Herring		Nova Scotia Cod	
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NOTICE.

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E. M. SHARPE, Mayor.

Get Ready for Christmas

We are READY FOR YOU!!

This year may be seen at Denike's a stock of jewelry such as is unparalled between Winnipeg and Vancouver. We admit that we have bought too heavily according to the size of this town and we will have to make a big clearance this Christmas.

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Our exhibition of articles suitable for Xmas Gifts is now open, and you will find that we have the largest and most varied stock in town. Toys of all kinds, Fancy Cases Stationery, China and a large range of other articles too numerous to mention. Come in and look around.

Mrs. G. G. MOBLEY, The Milliner,

NANTON STREET - LACOMBE

LARGE TURNOUT TO ANNUAL MEETING

Agricultural Society Elect Their Officers for 1910.

Over sixty farmers turned out to the annual meeting of the Agricultural Society held in Mobley's hall on Saturday afternoon last. The large turnout was most gratifying to the directors and augurs well for the Society. The farmers of the district have at last come to the conclusion that if they want their interests looked after they have to take a hand in the matter themselves.

Right at the start, Mr. Crow and one or two others attempted to break the meeting up by contending that the proceeding were not regular, but the party was promptly sat on by the saner ones present, who did not think it would be fair to call the meeting off and compel farmers who had driven miles to be present to go home without transacting business for which the meeting was called.

When it came to electing directors another kick was put in at the method of taking the ballot. The nominations were made and about twenty names were before the meeting. As it was impossible for anyone to remember the long list and pick out the gentlemen they wished to see on the Board, it was decided to write the names of all nominees on a sheet of paper and all present entitled to vote would mark for the fifteen they wished to elect. This was most satisfactory to all but W. Crow and Col. Gregory, who contended that this mode of procedure was not balloting. However, in spite of the kicks of these gentlemen the meeting almost unanimously decided it was.

Then W. Crow said that as the books had not been audited the meeting was not legal. Again this gentleman was in the wrong. It was found to be impossible to transact all the business before the meeting in one afternoon, and an adjournment to next Saturday was made, which will give the society plenty of time to get the auditors to work. The treasurer's books have been ready for the auditors for weeks, and that the audit was not made is not the fault of the secretary.

What object Mr. Crow had in attempting to block the meeting is hard to imagine. It looks like consummate gall for a man who lives in town to attempt to put the level headed farmers of the district to a lot of unnecessary trouble.

The president elect, Mr. R. Johnston, is the man for the position. He is an energetic and successful farmer, and will do all in his power to further the interests of the Society. He knows what is required to make an exhibition, and will take an interest in the work. The auditor's report will be presented at Saturday's meeting.

The Directors will hold a meeting next Saturday, at which their Secretary will be elected. Although Jas. Gourlay is not anxious for the onerous position, the directors almost to a man are of the opinion that he is the man for the position, and if he will accept will be tendered the Secretary-Treasurership for the year 1910. A glance over the officers elected on Saturday will show anyone that the farmers have made a good choice, and have elected a board that will give a good account of itself. The elections resulted as follows:

President, R. E. Johnston.
1st vice-president, John Parker.
2nd vice-president, A. M. Campbell.

The following are the names of the Directors and the number of votes polled:

W. S. Mooney, 24.
D. C. Gourlay, 24
P. A. Switzer, 23.
W. R. Winslow, 21
H. Langrock, 21
R. M. Gibson, 21
J. L. Storey, 21
A. L. Whitten, 20.
P. M. Ballantine, 20
H. Metcalf, 17
F. Butcher, 16
J. Southward, 15
T. Henderson, 15
Jos. Capron, 13.
S. H. Welch, 13
J. J. Gregory, 8.
W. Crow, 5.

The first 15 were elected.

The razor that gives satisfaction is the Carbo-Magnetic.—Morrison & Johnston.

The Agricultural Society's Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Agricultural Society was held on Saturday last. It seems almost inconceivable that the members present should willfully ignore the ordinance published by the Department of Agriculture at Edmonton, but according to the report they did so in two instances, at their meeting on Saturday. In doing so they are taking up a position which is untenable, and one which is likely to cause trouble. Whether the society is better or worse for being subsidized by the Provincial government, need not be discussed at present. The fact remains that they are, with many others, receiving two-thirds of their prize money, and $1 for each member from the treasury at Edmonton, and while so doing, the least they can do is to conform to the ordinance sent out by the Department for the efficient handling of similar institutions. If and when they are prepared to do without financial assistance from the Government, then they will be in a position to manage their own affairs as they think fit, but under the obligation they are at the present moment, they are bound to conform to regulations. They cannot hunt with the hounds and run with the hare. What the outcome of their action will be, is not easy to define, but that the Department will stand for such flagrant defiance of the ordinance cannot for one moment be supposed.

I have no room for thinking that different methods adopted in voting for president and directors was due to any ulterior motive, but as no reasons were given for the alteration, those who favored the change of procedure laid themselves open to suspicion. Further complaint arises from the fact that on steps were taken to ascertain the bonafides of each person present. Notices of the meeting were not sent to those who had neglected to pay their subscriptions for the current year, but no discrimination was shown between those who had and those who had not paid for the ensuing year when it came to a vote. The want of organization was apparent at the meeting, as it was at the fair; and if the Society wishes to maintain its prestige the sooner chaos is reduced to order the sooner will progress and prosperity be assured, and that can only be achieved by strict compliance with the Government ordinance.

H. THORNTON-BOLT.

[NOTE—The Editor of The Western Globe would like to know by what authority Mr. Bolt butts into the affairs of the farmers of this district. The meeting on Saturday was the largest in point of numbers the society has ever held, and when the procedure was perfectly in accord with the views of those present, we think the above remarks of Mr. Bolt are very much out of place. If Mr. Bolt lives around here long enough he will find by experience that the farmers of this district are perfectly competent to run their own business. Because a friend was not elected on the Board of Directors is no grounds for insinuating that those present adopted a system of voting to defeat him. Ed.]

Eureka Lodge No. 10 A.F. & A.M.

The Annual Meeting for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year was held in the Masonic Hall on Wednesday evening, Dec. 1st. Owing to the very stormy weather there was not a large attendance. The election resulted as follows:

Worshipful Master, Bro. A. M. Campbell.
Senior Warden, Bro. J. L. Craigen.
Junior Warden, Bro. E. Titsworth.
Treasurer, Bro. W. N. Morrison.
Secretary, W. Bro. L. B. Browne, re-elected.

It is requested that all town members will try and make it a point to be present at the regular meetings of the Lodge if they possibly can.

Birthplace of Free Masonry.

The following interesting account of the birthplace of Free Masonry appeared in the Owen Sound Herald of recent issue. As we have a large number of members of the Masonic order among our readers, and as the article is interesting general reading we publish it herewith.

"That Free Masonry in substantially the same form as it exists in civilized countries today, was a flourishing institution even at so early a time as the reign of King Solomon is the sensational discovery made through recent excavations in the ancient subterranean quarries in the city of Jerusalem. Deep down in the earth hidden under masses of sand-covered ruins, there have been unearthed ancient lodge rooms, the walls of which bore the mystic symbols of Masonic order and other signs to indicate that this was the headquarters of the order at that time; and so far as is known here, in the ancient quarries beneath Jerusalem, was where Free Masonry had its birth.

Thomas R. Wallace, United States consul at Jerusalem, in a report to the Government furnishes the information that is sure to help fix the origin of the Free Masson order. To an American, likewise, belongs the credit for the discovery of the quarries, though the discovery came as an accident. Dr. Barclay, an American physician spending some months in Jerusalem, while hunting in the unsettled northern portions of the Holy City, saw his dog suddenly disappear beneath the city wall. Following him, Dr. Barclay discovered a hole, which proved to be an entrance to a subterranean cavern.

Minor excavations of sand and rubbish soon revealed the fact that the cavern was nothing more nor less than a grotto-like entrance to what appeared to be a string of underground rooms and crypts. This startling discovery resulted in a rush of archaeologists and excavators to the place, and the work of uncovering the long hidden ruins systematically was begun. The result was more than the scientists had hoped for or expected. As load after load of sand and rubbish was removed it became apparent that revelations of a most sensational were about to be made.

As the work went on, it was found that the place was the site of immense subterranean quarries of ancient days, so extensive that the stone which had been mined from it would be sufficient for building the Holy City two or three times over. Farther and farther into the depths of the earth the grottoes led the explorers until when the final room was reached it was found to be 1,000 feei under ground from the entrance.

Huge blocks of quarried stone, left where they had been cut from the solid rock, were found here and there, and from these sources the history of the quarries was traced back to the building of King Solomon's temple. The stone was pure white in color of wonderful beauty, and, though soft enough to be easily quarried, upon exposure to the open air became hardened, a peculiarity which the historian Josephus mentions in connection with the stone from which the temple was built, and there were plenty of specimens of the stone carving peculiar to King Solomon's era. By these signs it was known that the much sought after "King Solomon's quarries" had been found at last.

But, also, it was apparent that the rooms had been used for other purposes since the stone had been quarried from them, and further search was made to ascertain what might have been the use to which these mysterious underground places had been put. Surprise was added to surprise as the careful excavating and searching brought forth signs that the rooms had been meeting places for large numbers of people. Little by little it became apparent that here had been held the sessions of some secret or religious order, and at last, under a stone which for centuries had lain buried beneath the shifting sands, was carved the square and compass of the Masonic order.

The room in which the carved stone was found was in the heart of the maze which the excavations had revealed. Scraping the walls, the explorers found carved in the stone all the various signs and symbols of the lodge room. When the last bit of rubbish and mold had been cleared away and the searchlights of the excavators turned on the walls it was seen that the spot at one time had housed a group of Free Masons, who possessed all the essential paraphernalia of a modern Masonic lodge. By the size of rooms, the number of carvings and by other signs, it was apparent that even in King Solomon's time Free Masonry was in a flourishing condition, for hundreds of devotees could have found shelter in the various rooms and grottoes.

It is declared that these are the most ancient traces of Free Masonry. Historians long have puzzled over the origin of the great order but the new revelations are declared to solve the mystery. The ritual and technical language of Free Masonry are full of words and terms that indicate a Semitic inception, and are declared to have been the scene of the order's birth.

Jerusalem Free Masons propose to establish a lodge in the quarries, so it is probable that those subterranean chambers once more will be the scene of rites and meetings which they knew thousands of years before, in the days when King Solomon ruled in the Holy City.

High School Teachers Should Qualify.

Editor Western Globe.

Dear Sir:—I wish to call the attention of the ratepayers of the town of Lacombe, through the medium of your paper, to the following suggestions.

These of course will also suggest themselves to the board of Trustees now elected to perform the various duties pertaining to furthering the best interests of our school and pupils. We have a High School, which is indebted to the Town of Lacombe under debenture to the extent of some $20,000. Citizens remark it is a fine edifice; it is a credit to the town, the attending pupils are proud of it. But are we to have this school of modern type with a teaching staff of six instructors, governed by a principal with an education not in harmony with the dignity of the institution? In these days of advanced education, is it not a strange thing, but nevertheless a fact, that the minister of education for the Province has not seen fit to enact an ordinance to further this end of higher education?

In the mind of the writer the Department of Education should enact a law compelling the Board of Trustees to engage a principal holding a degree, to be at the head of each and every high school in the Province.

Since the law governing same is not as yet compulsory, we consider it the duty of the Board of Trustees, in the best interests of the Lacombe High School, to engage a principal competent of teaching the various subjects now required by the Department. We contend no teacher is qualified to accept the duties of principalship of the Lacombe High School or any other high school who has not first taken a complete university course. If the School Board neglects their duty in this matter, they have not the best interests of the school and pupils at heart.

RATEPAYER.

Mental and Physical Energy---Evil Thoughts and Habits.

Success is as natural as birth!

The Creator does not send people into the world to be failures, misfits, or successes by miss or chance. Such a design on the part of an all-wise omnipotent is inconceivable. Success—which after all is but continued growth—is the natural portion and part of man as much as the common growth is to the million forms in the vegetable kingdom.

When man does not succeed, he thrusts himself out of the stream which would carry him on. He lets fear, laziness, vice, or some other evil creep into his life and work him from the middle of the stream until presently he is grounded on a shoal.

Who are the ne'er-do-wells? Not those whose private lives are pure, whose thoughts are clean, whose habits are exemplary. The ne'er-do-wells are those whose thoughts turn mostly to some vice, which enfeebles the body, beclouds the mind, renders the impressions weak, and the flow of thought force shallow.

When a man never does well at any undertaking, the reason is always to be found close at hand; he is devoting his better part to vice and making work incidental to that.

"The evil thought beclouds the mind," shuts out the sunlight, confuses the perception. No one would expect to raise beautiful flowers in a cellar where there was poor air, no sunshine and little light. The mushroom only can grow under such conditions. The sprouts that start on the vegetables in the dark places have a weak, unnatural, ghastly look. The mind of the ne'er-do-well is a low cellar. The sunshine of real manhood cannot enter there. His windows are darkened and yet he now and then plants seeds there expecting a growth under unnatural conditions!

The ne'er-do-wells are at one end of the line; those in the hall of fame are at the other end of the line. Between the successes and the absolute failures there is another class standing just above the ne'er do wells. Men of this class barely escape being failures because they are on speaking terms with indulgence!

These are the most capable of all for the reason that it is easiest for them to clear their minds, to get light and pure perception and to devote themselves to natural growth!

The greatest danger from influenza is of its resulting in pneumonia. This can be obviated by using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, as it not only cures influenza but counteracts any tendency of the disease towards pneumonia. Sold by All Dealers.

The Little Tow-Haired Kid.

(Nellie L. McClung, Manitou.)

Just a little tow-haired kid,
Nothing smart in what he did,
No one wanted him;
Mother gone to hospital,
Doctor said her chance was—well,
Course he really couldn't tell,
But chance was slim.

I can see him yet that day,
Runnin' back again to play
Some fool game;
Had him laughin' all the time,
Tellin' him some little rhyme;
But I could see that he was cryin'
Just the same!

I must say he was no care,
Sittin' mostly watchin' where
He saw her go;
Lookin' always down the track,
Thinkin', may be, she'd come back—
I don't know.

Night we heard that she had died,
He asked me straight, and then I lied—
Blamed if I could tell.
But he looked me through and through
Like I never saw him do,
And I knew he knew it, too,
Knew right well.

Never watched the track no more,
Seemed to play more than before,
Talked more, too;
Seemed real well—till Christmas night
Then took measles—took 'em light,
Doctor said he'd be all right
In a day or two.

Neighbors could not quite decide
How it happened that he died;
One or two
Thought he had been doctored wrong,
Or maybe never had been strong;
I just let them talk along—
Because I knew!

Through the frosty Christmas air,
Angels ever bright and fair
Downward flew;
Kissed his little saddened face,
Wrapped him in their sweet embrace,
And said: "A lady at our place
Has asked for you."

Use of Colleges.

Vancouver Province:—A very interesting and valuable article appears in the current issue of Scribner's Magazine from the pen of Dr. Woodrow Wilson, president of Princetown university, on the question of the mission of the university of today.

Answering his titular query: "What is a College For?" he declares that mere learning is not involved. No one has ever dreamed of imparting learning to undergraduates. It cannot be done in four years. To become a man of learning is the enterprise of a lifetime. What, then, is the purpose of a college as opposed to the purely technical schools? President Wilson says, in a word, that it is for the training of the men who are to rise above the ranks.

Big Drawing Contest

At the Lacombe Furniture Store on a Brass Bedstead, valued at $35.00. You are entitled to a chance for every dollars worth of goods purchased at our store, from this date until Xmas Eve at 10 o'clock p. m. This handsome piece of furniture is on display now in our window.

If your abode's on Easy street, and Trouble's out of reach, most all the fellows that you meet will tell you your's a peach. They'll tell you that in all their days, they never, never knew, in all this wilderness of joys, as smooth a bird as you. While you have bullion in the keg, and rhino in the jar, they'll come around to pull your leg, and say how smart you are. They'll glory in your growing frame they'll bow and scrape and fawn; they'll load their babies with your name, and sleep upon your lawn. But when misfortune comes along, and jolts you in the neck, and everything is going wrong, and even hope's a wreck, and when with Dame Despair you sup, and have your fill of woe, your gold brick friends will pass you up, and say: "I told you so!" And then some quiet chap will come, and prove to be your friend; he'll say "When things are on the bum, they're always sure to mend!" And he will dry your raining eyes and guide your weary feet, and help you once again to rise—clear back to Easy street. And you will note that he is one who sang no serving tunes, when you were loaded down with men, and insolence and prunes.

Walt Mason.

If you don't know the Pipe Man you ought to—McLear is his name.

Xmas Presents

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China Goods 50c. to 3.00 each
Ladies' Leather Hand Bags from 10c. to $10.00

Photograph Frames, French Gold Plate . . . from $2.00 to $6.00
Tobacco Jars, cut glass 1.50 to 3.00
Smoker's Sets from 75c. to $4.00

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We have some remarkable instances among domesticated species of what breeding and selection have accomplished. In the pigeon standard we have over seventy varieties, acknowledged in this standard for judging pigeons, and yet these branch off in further subvarieties, according to color and for other reasons. Scientists tell us that each and all are descended from the common Rock Dove, a blue bird of the ordinary pigeon type with a white spot over the tail. "This rock dove is a native of the rocky cliffs of most countries in the temperate parts of the Northern hemisphere, and as all the beautiful varieties of the domestic pigeon have descended from the rock dove, it is very advantageous to know its habits and its instincts, so that domestic breeds may be treated in a natural manner. Thus we see, that, as they are all platform builders, it would be useless to supply them with branches to build their nests." (A. V. Moersch.) Thus we see that, though varying in a most extraordinary way in type formation they retain their primitive habits.

Now if the average breeder of live stock will acquire a pigeon book and spend a few minutes looking at the pictures, and notice the extremes of difference between the varieties, and will notice the difference between a Pouter and a Fantail, a Barb and a Scandaroon, a Jacobin and an Oriental Frill or Owl, etc., etc., he will be able rapidly to form some idea of what artificial selection and breeding can lead us to—after comparing these with the common pigeon—and what may be done in breeding to ideals when the mind is set in certain directions. For these different breeds of pigeons are now bred by the million, many in perfection and true to type, yet offering de chances of hundreds of variations in many beautiful specimens.

Notwithstanding all this care and selection, and considering the fact that these very divergent species are all called pure-bred, and in order to win prizes must be exhibited according to standard, we are told that if left to themselves, to breed as they wished, and several breeds are left by themselves for some time, they will revert quickly back to the original rock dove type and color; so strong is the tendency to recede to a type that was perhaps an indefinite time in forming over a longer period than we have any conception of or can realize; whilst the period during which they have been selected and guided into different varieties may have been a much lesser period by comparison, so the types have not been permanently altered. If these so-called breeds and varieties are kept pure for a very lengthy period, so that for very many succeeding generations they are kept absolutely true to type, it is possible that the type might eventually be so fixed that there would be less chance of reversion. But as we, individually as regards time only, live during an infinitesimal period of this earth's history, we have not the time to work out more than a small portion of what we conceive and take on from previous generations what they have accomplished.

There is another wonderful variation in our domesticated fowl all descended from the Gallus Bankiva, or wild Asiatic game fowl, colored much like our Black Red Game birds. Yet the difference between a game bantam and a big buff Cochin, is pretty extreme and may cause a good deal of wonder when we stop to consider it. We can by mixing breeds of poultry and keeping at it, get them to break back to the original type and color of the parent stock. So that breeding our show varieties, true to the types that we have arbitrarily made, is always a case of blending to keep them from reverting to a central type whose ingredients are still latent in them.

Prof. Bailey says, "In looking for the ultimate unit or individuality of personality in nature, we must make a broad distinction between the animal and the plant. Every higher animal is itself a unit; it is one. It has a more or less definite span of life, and every part and organ contributes a certain indispensible part to the life and personality of the organism. No part is capable of propagating itself independently of the sex-organs of the animal, nor is it capable of developing sex-organs of its own. If any part is removed the animal is maimed and perhaps it dies."

It is the nature of organisms to be unlike their parents and their birthmates. Why?

It seems to be useless to attempt to discover the origin of mutations or changes in our organisms which we call domestic stock; the reasons for radical differences are impossible to fathom and all we can do is to note such differences and steer them in directions that we require, or that suit us the best; noting at the same time that it is the best steersman that win the best prizes or have the best stock; and those who do not steer will go backwards and probably hit a rock in the rapids and founder.

We have probably caused a good deal of misunderstanding, and have led many ignorant people astray by naming some of our varieties purebred or thoroughbreds; whereas technically speaking, it would be hard to say whether anything that required the union of two sexes, and which union of different forces is one of the greatest factors of variation, could be strictly said to be either purebred or thoroughbred; if by those terms we mean something that goes on indefinitely producing its like and can be guaranteed not to vary.

If we could conceive of the forms of life as having been created with characters exactly uniform from generation to generation, then we could look for causes of or a cause of variation when it appeared. But as we look about, even at our own brothers and sisters or our own animals in the farm yard, we find and recognize that we or they all vary more or less, though we or they may have a family likeness and be of the same type. We may preserve type but we cannot, or have not yet succeeded, in our breeding, in producing the exact counterpart of either parent in every feature.

Prof. Bailey again says: "There is probably no inherent tendency in organisms towards any ultimate or predetermined completion of form as older naturalists supposed, but simply a laxity or indefiniteness of constitution which is expressed in minor differences in individuals."

It may not be that every minor difference in the result of some immediate cause, and yet it may be.

The reasons of variation are probably that nature causes variations in order to better fit certain units for the struggle for existence, and if a slight variation does not put an individual out of court it may do so in another generation when emphasized. Then again, these differences in individuals, from the parent stock, may be the result of hereditary influences in some cases or caused in other cases by residence under different conditions to those experienced by the previous ancestry; for when an individual is taken from its surroundings and transported to another place it may, perceptibly, or imperceptibly, at once commence to adapt itself for the struggle of its own life or that of future generations that are bred from it.

The reason we cannot always anticipate or arrange that these differences shall be just as we want them is, that we cannot foresee which way differences will take and we cannot gauge the ratio of difference each parent will cause in certain characteristics.

So breeding live stock is simply learning the history and peculiarities of a family that we are trying to perfect, and the more we know of this family the better shall we understand how to submerge or destroy the poor qualities and subordinate them to the good qualities or those we wish to reproduce. The very fact that we use two parents to produce offspring is one of the main factors which cause variations in the progeny. Hence when we use a sire or dam of the same breed we retain in the offspring the breed likeness, far better than if we crossed two separate breeds which might lead us anywhere, and make the result of the next generation very doubtful. As a general rule it may be said that the difficulties surrounding the successful breeding of one good family of animals, are sufficient for even a good breeder to undertake in the short span of life, allotted to us, i. e., to bring these into anything like perfection; and the longer these are bred in one line or for certain characteristics, the more dominance will they have over other strains when crossed with them; so the purest bred or those that have come from the longest line of ancestors selected for certain reasons, and carefully raised, will come most probably nearer to the breed that we require than those that have been handled carelessly or without so much method.

We have to gather up in our hands the many lines and drive our team, as it were, in one direction for a long time before we arrive at success, or breed animals that satisfy the most critical. When we violently outcross it is like taking two horses out of a four horse team, and putting two new ones in that want to go in the opposite direction to the two they are hitched up with, and the end is a mix-up.

The blood of two breeds crossed does not necessarily mix but fuses in a certain proportion with the peculiarities of one working against the other until the strongest predominates; and it is impossible to exactly balance the results of a sudden cross one or the other is gaining the mastery from the beginning. So if we cross best type in cattle with high class milking type, the result may be, apparently in the first generation, satisfactory, but the second generation will be working back strongly to one or the other side. If we could obtain a male or female as near balanced as possible between the two breeds, in appearance, and breed together, intending to make a new breed, we could not guarantee which way the progeny would lean to the beef type or to the milk type, until they were born and grew up, and it would be safe to say that they would be inferior for practical purposes to any of the progenitors, because we only gain ground when breeding, by emphasizing certain qualities at a time. So a beef cow bred to a dairy bull, and the progeny recrossed to a good beef strain, would probably give us a better animal than one bred as aforesaid and vice versa. It is like putting whiskey into water, which makes whiskey and water. Now if we put cider into that whiskey and water we probably make an undrinkable mess; but if we add more whiskey we make the whiskey and water stronger, and when we want to use it can better guarantee what it is going to do.

Breeding fine stock is an artificial method of trying to obtain certain qualities that man desires. So he takes certain varieties and breeds them together to attain his own ends. Nature says the "fittest shall survive." Now the fitness means a good deal, and in our case the "fitness" of nature may mean qualities that we do not want, as well as qualities that we do want, so we may have the fitness to survive, one of the strongest forces of Nature, working against us when we least know it. So that it is only by using the greatest skill we possess and carefully watching developments that we can make things go our way and even then when we go too far Nature outs in and ends our little game because we are deviating too far from her laws of fitness, which may mean animals fitter for the struggle of existence.

The tapeworm is one form of fitness and kindred parasites are others, just as stinkweed and Russian thistle which we war against in our wheat fields, but we often fail to notice in breeding live stock that we may be introducing into a strain the stinkweeds and Russian thistles that we have to root out again. When breeding live stock man arbitrarily takes this "fitness to survive" into his own hands and puts Nature aside, but in thus doing so, he must be careful to proceed in such a way that he is carrying on artificial evolution along lines that will be a success or lead to positive results in the line of progress. It is "reversed selection in our case, as in the case of animals, that is the dangerous course.

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Ain't it Awful, Mabel?

Referring to a remark we made about the peaceful quiet of Red Deer jarring the nerves of the Lacombe contingent that was of necessity compelled to spend a few days in that burg during court sitting, a resident of that town makes a letter a long letter to the Red Deer News. Among other things the correspondent says:

"If Lacombe wished competent authority as to the volume of business carried on in Red Deer, would it not have been better to consult one of our leading merchants, who but recently transferred his business interests from Lacombe to Red Deer."

The News correspondent refers to our old friend W. E. Lord, than whom there are very few better business hustlers, and a business man we were sorry to lose. With keen business perception, Mr. Lord sized Red Deer up right. He had observed while in Lacombe that a man had to hustle to do business when up against hustling business men such as we have here and in looking about for a town that wanted to be awakened, of course hit on Red Deer. That he is doing a big business there is evident to everyone in Red Deer, especially to the businessmen. In time we expect that Mr. Lord will work up a business in Red Deer equal to any of the several large businesses in Lacombe. With a few real hustling businessmen of the Lord class, in a few years Red Deer will doubtless have quite a business. At present, however, the keen competition of Penhold and Eckville is severely felt in Red Deer.

Juvenile Bostonians Coming.

To miss the Juvenile Bostonians' performances would be to miss one of the rarest treats of the season. These little folks are so charming, so sweet of nature, and they are so funny that it does not seem possible that anyone could miss seeing them. The musical numbers sung by them are bright and catchy. Berta's Billion, their latest musical comedy success, will be the offering and Babe Mason will be seen in the title role. They are appearing on the evening of Friday, December 10th, in Day's opera house under the auspices of the Lacombe Brass Band. Secure your seats now.

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Women and the Vote.

Toronto Globe:—Mrs W. Howes Oliphant has written a letter to an evening paper which indicates whatever else it does, her total lack of acquaintance with the political status and influence of women. Her idea of the necessity "to shout myself hoarse on public subjects" will be a joke of the week.

While deploring the necessity that has resulted in a militant campaign, and in no way condoning the regrettable incidents that have followed the adoption of Right Hon. Arthur J. Balfour's advice to the English suffragists to make a noise, the Canadian Suffrage association has clearly recognized that in Canada and in America generally, there is no occasion for the methods that have been employed with undisputed success for the purpose intended in England.

H. M. Meadows, of Tees, is selling off all his sheep and cattle by public auction on Thursday, December 16th. A. W. Lawson, auctioneer. See Bills.

Dairy Output Has Increased 70 Per Cent.

The output of butter from the Alberta co-operative creameries has increased 70 per cent in the past two years. This was the statement made this week by Christian Marker, dairy commissioner of the province, and is the outstanding feature of his annual report, which he is submitting to the department of agriculture this week. The report covers the season ending on October 31 of this year.

"We have had an extremely successful season," said Mr. Marker. "The affairs of the season are now being closed up. I cannot state yet as to whether any new creameries will be established next year.

"During the past season 11 cheese factories and 54 creameries were operated, 21 of the latter by the province. The cheese output will aggregate $38,000, a slight increase over last year. The butter production will reach a total of 2,550,000 pounds for the 12 months ending on October 31, and represent a value of $800,000, as against 2,100,000 pounds manufactured in 51 creameries during the corresponding period of last year, worth $526,800; and 1,500 made in 45 creameries and worth $350,000 for the same period of 1907.

"The creameries which are operated by the government were established on the co-operative principle, by associations of farmers and are operated on their behalf. Their butter output represents 40 per cent. of the creamery production of the province and the largest individual creamery is located at Innisfail. Its butter output for the past year was 204,000 pounds, worth $50,000.

"The great bulk of the butter made in the creameries is disposed of in British Columbia markets, and upwards of 400,000 pounds are annually consumed in the Yukon.

"The first half of the past summer season was very favorable. Frequent showers and warm weather kept the pastures in fine growing condition. In fact, up to the middle of July it looked as though the dairy production for the season would reach, if not exceed, that of 1906, the largest in the history of the province. After the latter part of July, the rainfall became light and the bright warm weather dried up the pastures."

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Inspect Boarding Houses.

As a result of the recent disastrous fire at Innisfail, when several lives were lost as the result of the burning of a large boarding house, it has been suggested that the government legislate so as to have all such places under inspection. These boarding houses often are built in such a way as to be extremely dangerous because of fire. Licensed hotels are inspected from this standpoint as well as from the standpoint of their handling the liquor business, and providing a good table. The boarding house or really unlicensed hotel, as they generally are, should come under inspection as to safety and sanitation as much as the other. It might be said that the municipalities look after this. It may be their duty, but it is common knowledge that if such is their duty it is seldom carried out. Moreover, these houses are generally in small communities where the people are not an organized municipality.

In these large boarding houses in the cities, towns, villages, camps and rural communities of Alberta there are thousands of lives in danger every day and night. It is clearly somebody's duty to see that they are properly built and safeguarded from fire and disease. It seems to be impossible to depend upon the municipalities to do it, and it would be comparatively easy for the provincial government to arrange for an adequate inspection.

If you don't know the Pipe Man you ought to—McLear is his name.

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Bread More of Them.

"If the rascal have not given me medicine to make me love him, I'll be hanged!"

—Shakespeare.

I wish that someone who has the time and the inclination as well as the ability, would go to parliament and get a list of all persons who are members of parliament on the head of their personal popularity. It would be a most interesting and instructive list, and would be an object lesson worth having. It would restore our faith in humanity—it would give us a brighter outlook on life. It is a generally accepted premise that every member of parliament was elected by his party. If he is a Grit, he was elected because the constituency is Grit, not necessarily because he was capable, eloquent, and well-liked, but just because he was fortunate to carry the convention when it met to nominate a candidate. If he is a Tory—same thing over again. It was a Tory strong hold and he just couldn't help win out. He may be a big empty box, a stoughton bottle, a knot on a log, he may be nobody at all, good, bad, or indifferent, neither flesh, fowl nor good red herring; but the nominating convention put the seal of its approval on him, and away she went.

There is no use in denying that there are numbers of such men on both sides of the Speaker in the house, but it doesn't follow that the whole people are run by machine methods. I am glad to believe—the wish may be father to the thought—that there are men in the house who were elected by votes from both parties, they were elected because they were believed by everyone in the constituency, and no straight party man in the nation would have a chance with them. That is why I would like to have a list of them and know their ridings.

There is one thing that ought to make the optimist still more optimistic. I don't believe that there is any such thing as a safe constituency in this Dominion. That's a feather in the people's cap. I have in mind a type of the constituency which, whether the candidate was a man or a mouse or a long-tailed rat elected him right along by an overwhelming majority. It was a good riding for a young politician who wanted to win his spurs to contest. He would be defeated all right, but he would have a pull in his party all the rest of his life, and if they happened to be in power he would have the patronage—aha! the patronage! But it's a long lane that has no turning. There arose a king that knew not Joseph. We will call him "Tom." He got nothing else but Tom—he was Tom, the well beloved. The girls loved him, the men loved him, the children loved him, and he was induced to stand for his party in this stronghold of their enemies. He went in whoopin'. Of course, the dominant party helped elect him. Lots of them voted for him and made no bones of it; others of them voted for him and never let on, and still more stayed home or had business out of the county that day. It was the biggest thing the riding ever did, because everybody was satisfied—the real choice of the people, their favorite son, their pet, represented them in parliament.

Blatherskites are continually shouting that this country is run on hide-bound party rules. I don't believe it. When Sir John A. Macdonald was retired at the time of the Pacific scandal, a few of his party wished to repudiate him; but the majority stuck to him because they loved the old man—they couldn't help it. Ah! it's love that makes the world go round.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is impregnable, not because he is a Grit, not because he is a Catholic, not because he is a French-Canadian, but because the people love him for his own sake.

"If the rascals have not given me medicine to make me love him I'll be hanged!"

Now, as I said before, I would like very much to know how many men there be in parliament who are there because the people love them. I would like to compare these men with those who owe their elections to the party and the party reptile fund alone. I believe they are the best men in parliament, I believe that they are the leaven that leaveneth the whole lump.

And if we had such a list we could study it and get pointers to be used in dealing with other constituencies. We would ask such men and such a riding:

"Say do you send this old stick-in-the-mud to parliament because you love him? Do you mean to tell us that he is the best man you can scare up in your country? Have you got the gall to tell us that he is the ablest man you've got to represent you in parliament? If that's the case, what kind of a rabble are you, anyway."

But in the meantime let us get a full list of the well-beloved in parliament before we make a holler.

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Andrew T. Thompson,
H. C. Oswald, Ottawa Agent
Secretary

Dated at Montreal the 30th September, 1909.

Notice to Creditors.

In the matter of the estate of Grant Waller Forrest, deceased.

PERSUANT to the Order of His Honor Fred Fraser Forbes, Judge of the Surrogate Court for the Judicial District of Prince Albert, dated the 9th day of November, A.D. 1909.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all parties having claims against the estate of the aforesaid Grant Waller Forrest, deceased, who died on or about the 4th day of June, A.D. 1909, at Lacombe in the Province of Alberta, and who at the time of his death was a resident at Shellbrook, in the Province of Saskatchewan, are required to send by post-paid or to deliver to the undersigned Solicitors for the Executor, Walter Brown, of the Post Office of Rosilee, in the Province of Saskatchewan on or before the 10th day of January, A.D. 1910, their names, addresses, and descriptions, and a full description of their claims against the said estate, their claim to be verified by Statutory Declaration, together with a statement of security, if any, held by them.

And notice is hereby further given that after the 10th day of January, A.D. 1909, the executor of the said estate will proceed to deliver the assets of the said estate having regard only for the claims of which he has then received notice.

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And Take Notice that you are required to enter an appearance at the office of the Clerk of said Court in Edmonton aforesaid within sixty days after the last of the two publications of this notice.

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SANITATION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Instructive paper, read by Allan D. MacDonald, at the recent convention of teachers of the district.

Education has been defined as complete mental and physical development and the function of education, as the preparation of the child for his life work. Unfortunately too much stress is frequently laid on the mental side, and the mind, instead of being developed in conjunction with the body, is developed at its expense. If we accept the statistics of medical authorities that 90 per cent. of the common cases of spinal curvature are developed during school life, and that many cases of weak lungs, defective eyesight, and numerous other ailments come from the same source, we must conclude that schooling impairs the future usefulness of many children. During late years the appalling results of unsanitary conditions in the school-room have been so vividly portrayed that a desire for reform seems to have permeated the educational world.

Perhaps the most difficult and intricate problem which confronts the teacher is that of ventilation, and this is very often due to the fact, that in the building of rural schools at any rate, it receives little or no attention. The "Evil effects of Impure Air" is an old story and need not be discussed at length. We should all know that exhaled air contains carbonic acid gas, which is not a supporter of combustion; water vapor from the throat and lungs, which may contain disease germs and other impurities, and a volitile organic matter given off from the body during the process of respiration. The last constituent is by far the most harmful of all. The minute particles of matter are subject to putrefaction and have been proven to be the prime cause of tubercular diseases. In an atmosphere saturated with these impurities, the brain becomes sluggish, the nervous system is wrought up to a high tension, the throat becomes irritated and a great deal of energy is wasted by the teacher in endeavoring to maintain discipline and hold the attention of the class.

An eminent authority on hygiene says that each child requires 2,000 cu. ft. of fresh air per hour. Now if we take for purposes of illustration, a room 30 ft. by 25 ft. by 15 ft., making a total of 11,250 cu. feet and an attendance of 20 pupils, this means that the air must be renewed every 17 minutes. These figures show us clearly that the supply of oxygen cannot be kept up at all times by the manipulation of doors and windows.

In order that the best results may be obtained in ventilating the following points must be observed:—

1. There should be no perceptible draughts.
2. Provision must be made for carrying off impure air.
3. The fresh air should be heated in cold weather before circulating through the room.
4. The amount entering should be constant.
5. The air should be taken from a pure source.

In discussing systems of ventilation, I must omit those which have to be installed during the erection of the building.

One of the most scientific and practical devices is the ventilating, or jacketed stove. The stove is incased in a metal sheeting with openings at the top, and a fresh air duct in the floor, extending to the outer wall. When the air between the stove and the sheeting becomes heated it rises and passes in an upward direction to the ceiling, flows off at each side and falls at the side walls. The foul air is carried off to a great extent by the draught of the stove, and thus a complete and continuous circulation is kept up.

Another ingenious device, but one which does not supply great quantities of fresh air, is the ventilating board. The lower sash of the window is raised and a closely fitting board of a few inches in width, is inserted. When the lower end of the sash rests on this board, an opening is formed between the lower end of the upper sash and the upper end of the lower sash, and a current of air passes into the room in an upward direction.

Again, when the heating apparatus is in the basement, and the warm air enters at one side of the room, outlets may be made in the side walls near the floor and the impure air drawn up a heated ventilating shaft.

In warm weather the difficulties attending ventilation are reduced to a minimum. Windows may be opened from both top and bottom on the lee side of the building, or on calm days, alternate windows on each side, great care being taken to prevent pupils being subjected to draughts.

If, in spite of precaution, the air becomes foul, the windows—even in cold weather—may be opened and the pupils put through a series of brisk physical exercises. The heat resulting from increased oxygenation of the blood may more than compensate for that which escaped.

In connection with pure air, a word about the coal stove may be in order. The coal stove, as well as being a generator of heat, is too often a generator of coal gas. This is especially true of school-rooms where the fire is banked at 4 o'clock and. draughts tightly closed so that the fire may be as live as possible in the morning. The result of this is the formation of great quantities of gas, which having no means of escape, circulates freely around the room. It is almost impossible to dispel this gas previous to calling school and therefore it must be breathed by the occupants of the room. The best way out of the difficulty is to provide a means for the gas to escape. The stove draughts may be closed and the door opened. The pipe which adjoins the flue should be furnished with a damper and this may be left partly opened. A current of air then passes through the door, through the pipes, and out the chimney carrying with it the bulk of the coal gas and leaving the vitality of the fire unimpaired.

In looking over my Normal notes on school management I find that the school room should be scrubbed once a month. As Robert Ingersoll says of immortality, "It is a pleasing thought." It is a question however if the average board could be led to see the logic of it. In many districts it is difficult to get a janitor at all, and much more difficult to get one willing to scrub. The only way that I am able to bring the matter to a focus is to make a bee, and social functions of this kind are not very popular.

When scrubbing is done frequently the Dust Problem is not of great moment, but when scrubbing is seldom if ever done, dust is a constant source of annoyance. The presence of dust in the school room is objectionable for different reasons. It is injurious to clothes, curtains, pictures, and furnishings in general; it settles on walls and ceiling and other places from which it is not easily removed and becomes offensive to the eye; and, lastly, it is inhaled by the occupants of the room and produces bronchial irritation and various lung affections. It is also known to be a carrier of disease germs, and many diseases such as consumption are spread through its agency.

The best general remedy is the proverbial "Ounce of Prevention." The approach to the steps determines largely the amount of dust and dirt carried into the room. If the steps are surrounded by clay or black soil, a dirty floor in wet weather is inevitable, and so, large flat stones coarse sand or gravel may be neatly placed in front of the building. Every set of steps should boast a foot scraper, and wire mats placed inside the door will collect heavy toll. Again when the building is surrounded by an area of soil free from grass roots, the wind will sift in particles of dust through tightly closed windows. This may be prevented by the levelling off and seeding down of the bare places.

A very essential factor in the keeping clean of the room is a good floor. It is impossible to sweep a defective floor without raising a certain amount of dust. An application of raw oil, or better still, a preparation known as Dustless Floor Oil will do much for a poor floor.

Sweeping and scrubbing operations may be greatly facilitated by the adoption of a system of seating recommended by Inspector Boyce. The seats may be taken and reset on inch strips about 3 inches wide, with two seats and desks on a pair. The seats are then screwed to the strips. When put down in this way they may be moved in any direction with very little effort. Other advantages in connection with this plan of seating will be mentioned later.

Proper seating is another very necessary condition. As many of our schools are new, seats and desks will likely be of an approved pattern and yet these may be grouped in such a way as to demand revision. This is particularly true of rural schools where pupils of all shapes and sizes have to be accommodated in one room. It is quite usual, in ungraded schools, to put the smallest seats across the front of the room, grading the others backward in order of size. When a pupil sits in a No. 1 seat and uses a No. 2 desk the seat will be found too high or the desk too low, or perhaps both. The smallest seats should be grouped together in one row, the intermediates next, and so on.

Ill fitting seats often cause spinal deformities, near sightedness, narrow chests and imperfectly developed respiratory organs. Stooping forward over a low desk tends to produce congestion of the head and straining of the eyes. If the desk is too high the right shoulder will be raised above the left and the body bent to one side, often resulting in spinal curvature. Sitting in a high seat causes nervousness and straining of the muscles of the leg and thigh. Bad seating may often be detected by the restlessness of pupils.

The following simple rules are supposed to be orthodox:—

1. When sitting upright, the feet should rest comfortably on the floor.
2. The edge of the desk should be in a perpendicular line with the edge of the seat.
3. The height of the desk should be such that the lower edge touches a point a little below the pit of the stomach.
4. The back should have proper support and the pupils should be able to extend legs and thighs at right angles to the body.

When seats are arranged in the manner already described special attention can be given to those with defective eyesight. By a simple method similar to that used by opticians weak eyes may be detected and the owners comfortably seated in the front of the room.

The approach of cold weather usually demands a slight alteration in the seating. When desks are moveable the width of the isles may be lessened, the trend of migration being toward the stove. Girls, as a rule cannot stand as much cold as boys, some pupils are less rugged than others, and frequently some are inadequately clothed. These points should be carefully noted by the teacher and provision made accordingly.

Another very important subject is that of light. In lighting the room the teacher is nearly always handicapped by a building erected regardless of hygienic principles. It is the exceptional school that has windows on one side only, and it is a scientific fact that light should enter the room from the left of the pupil—some authorities say from the back as well. When windows have been placed on both sides the blinds to the right should be drawn, particularly when the sun is shining on that side, and the lower panes might be frosted. No light should enter from the teacher's end of the room, as constant looking at a bright surface produces dizziness, weak eyes and headache.

If the blackboard has become glossy with age it should be re-coated or replaced by a new one. The dark green blackboard seems to receive the greatest amount of sanction.

Some colors, such as red, are very trying to the eyes. Authorities recommend that walls and ceiling be tinted a lavender or a brown, and that window blinds be of similar shades or of a greenish tint.

It is quite a common custom to have the drinking water carried into the room in pails. Usually the pail sits in the room and receives the solid particles which settle into it from the air. When a child drinks from the cup he leaves a generous deposit of bacteria, saliva, and broken down tissues of the throat and mouth.

The next in turn dips this cup into the pail, thereby enriching the contents of the pail, and in drinking adds his contribution to the cup. The average school will have its contingent of pupils with lung and throat troubles, decayed teeth and ulcerated gums, etc., so that the possible results of furnishing water in this way are obvious. It has been written, "It is not that which gouth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out." In this case, however, that which comes out may defile the entire school.

The water should be kept in a reservoir tightly covered and furnished with a tap. Pupils should be encouraged to furnish themselves with private vessels. Telescope tins may be had at a trifling cost and these can be conveniently carried in the pocket or placed in the desk. If a common drinking cup is used, it should be scalded frequently.

The time alloted to this subject was very limited so that I need make no apology for the omission of many important topics and for a very abrupt ending.

ALLAN D. MACDONALD.

A Christmas Box that is Worth While.

When you make a present of a periodical to a friend or a family you are really selecting a companion to influence them for good or ill during a whole year. If the acquaintances of your sons and daughters were to talk to them aloud as some periodicals talk to them silently, how quickly you would forbid the companionship! In the one case as in the other, the best course is to supplant the injurious with something equally attractive and at the same time "worth while." A food can be wholesome and utterly distasteful. Reading can be made so, too. But The Youth's Companion not only nourishes the mind, but delights it, just like that ideal human associate whom you would choose. The Youth's Companion fills that place now in more than half a million homes. Can you not think of another family in which it is not now known where it would be joyfully welcomed?

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Bentley News.

Quite wintry? Yes.

Some of our people are migrating.

The Misses Tilton left for their old home in Iowa on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Tilton and son expect to leave in March for the same place.

Harold Hartman, who has been staying with W. B. McPherson since July, started back for his home in Minnesota today.

C. F. Damron and Will McPherson each got a deer last week out near the saw mill.

W. B. McPherson and wife, Mrs. A. Bullock, and the Misses Vera and Alice McPherson drove to Rimbey Saturday and gave a lecture and some entertainment in aid of the Lacombe Hospital.

F. W. Thorp had a fisherman's luck, on his hunting trip, last week.

E. St. J. O'N rode into town from the west last Friday, and stopping at the home of F. W. T says to Mrs. F. W. "Frank says he won't be home until tomorrow C. F. has got a deer and F. says he'll be blamed if he will go home without one." "Well," replied Mrs. F. W., "if he doesn't get home tomorrow, he will lose one here." Gossip.

ALIX.

Alix has had quite a boom during the last two or three weeks. Several buildings have been erected and others are to be built shortly.

H. W. Garman spent the first two days of last week in Calgary.

Chas. W. Fredrick has secured the lot on Main St. lately owned by E. Mills.

Mrs. Westhead was in Calgary early last week.

R. F. Beattie has purchased from St. Elmo Sanderson the lot on Niblock St. next to Chas. Woolgar's. He intends to build a store and dwelling house immediately.

Mrs. Wm. Melvin left on Friday for Wetaskiwin, where her husband is employed in the "Times" office.

The skating rink is making rapid progress towards completion.

A building is being erected on the Gordon Campbell property and is to be occupied by G. A. Mitchell who intends to open up an implement business.

Miss Hall, who had been visiting in Lacombe, returned on Friday.

Genial weather was experienced the early part of the week followed by keen frost toward its close.

Lorne Todd, after an absence of two years in Washington, returned home recently, and is likely to make Alix his permanent abode.

Spring Valley.

The farmers are busy teaming these days.

John Forrest left last week for Montana.

Stanley Harrison is up from Halkirk for a short time.

The Misses Davidson, of Lacombe, visited friends here recently.

The attendance at church on Sunday was below the average owing to the severe weather.

We learn with regret that Miss Rowe will not continue in charge of our school after this term is completed, as she has accepted a position on the teaching staff at Stettler.

The Growing West.

Quebec Chronicle.—It will not be many years before the population of Canada west of Lake Superior will exceed that east of the Great Lakes, and when that day comes the West will govern the confederation. The western provinces lately created are commencing to feel their strength and to take every possible measure for the developement and peopling of their vast and fertile lands. Alberta, which controls the immense Peace River district north of Edmonton, has launched into railway building on a large scale for the opening up of that country. The province has done this by guaranteeing the bonds of the Alberta Great Waterways railway, upon which work has just been commenced. This road will run for about 350 miles, almost due north from Edmonton to Fort McMurray on the Athabasca river. At this point steamboat connection will be made northward to the mouth of the Mackenzie and westward to the head of the Peace river in British Columbia. This means three thousand miles of steamboat navigation, making the whole of this vast country accessible.

It is contended that the Peace River district is not only as valuable as Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, is a wheat growing district, with a favorable climate, but that it also possesses important resources which they have not. Amongst these may be enumerated timber of merchantable dimensions petroleum, natural gas, great beds of salt and asphalt said to excel in quality and quantity the lucrative deposits of Trinidad. Like other portions of Alberta, Peace River has an abundant supply of good coal. With all these wonderful resources in sight it is no wonder that the Alberta government have decided upon a bold policy to open up this great country, and the result will be a rush of new settlers probably surpassing anything in the history of the Northwest. The new country evidently has the confidence of the English capitalits, for the Edmonton papers tell us that the guaranteed bonds have been sold in London and that the proceeds, seven million dollars are now in the bank at the credit of the government of Alberta.

Rev. Donald McRae, for many years prominently connected with the Presbyterian Church in Canada, died in Calgary a few days ago. The deceased had many friends in Canada, especially in the Maritime provinces. In 1875 Dr. McRae was a leader of the Presbyterian union, when the different branches of this denomination were welded in Canada into one body. In 1880 he was unanimously elected moderator of the general assembly that met in Montreal, and was only 47 when elected head of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Dr. McRae was pastor successively of East River congregation, Pictou county, N. S., St. Andrews, St. John's, Newfoundland; St. Stephen's, St. John, N. B. At the close of his pastorate in St. John, N. B. he was appointed principal of the Morrin college, city of Quebec.

Don't forget to call and see our stock of organs. Large assortment to select from at Lacombe Furniture Store.

Great Britain and Germany.

The actual facts in regard to the British and German sea power are interesting and important to consider in connection with the wild statements which found currency early in the present year. At the present moment Great Britain has seven Dreadnaughts ready at sea to Germany's none. On the Government side of the British House of Commons early this year it was estimated that Germany might have seventeen Dreadnoughts by 1912, while the estimates on the Opposition side were from twenty-one to twenty-five. As a matter of fact Germany has failed signally to fulfil the timetable laid down last year for naval construction.

In Austria there is being circulated at the present time an appeal from the new Austrian Navy League to the alarmed patriotism of its fellow citizens on the ground that Great Britain has eighty first class ships to Germany's twenty-eight and Austria's six. In the new volume of the British Navy League Annual, the authoritative book in regard to naval matters issued yearly by the non partizan Navy League, there are expert comparisons between the new British and the projected or partially built German ships of the same type, vessel for vessel, Dreadnought and super-Dreadnought. In every item the superiority is on the British side, displacement and horse power, 12-inch guns against 11-inch, broadside, ahead, and astern fire each showing a 10 per cent margin in favor of Great Britain, with the same superiority for the typical gun of each type of ship in its ability to pierce armor.

It is now plain that Germany's first two Dreadnoughts will, by the time they are finished, have occupied nearly four years in building. The figures show that by January, 1912, Germany can at the most have ready not twenty-five or twenty-one or seventeen Dreadnoughts, but a bare thirteen. More probably she will have eleven. We are secure of twenty—a reckoning which omits Great Britains two Nelsons, which some think better than Dreadnoughts, and the crushing British superiority in earlier types.

The British naval programme is a main cause of the Lloyd-George budget. Even before the budget has run the gauntlet of the Lords, the future surplus from the new taxes has to face the demands for the next year's naval programme. Meanwhile, in Germany, the results of bye-elections and State elections are continuing to demonstrate strikingly the strength of public sentiment against the burden of taxation for military and naval purposes. Germany too, has a budget problem, and a far worse one than Great Britain's. A new Chancellor has just succeeded to the task of trying to devise ways and means of making ends meet in the face of an estimated deficit of £27,000,000. There is no other way possible than meeting the fresh deficit by increased taxation and against that way the long suffering German taxpayer is rising in revolt.

Hockey sticks! Hockey sticks! Drop in and see our line of Hockey sticks. If they are not the best in town, we want to know. Prices from 25c up.—Morrison & Johnston

Hospital Fund.

E. Johnston (Canyon)	$5.00
A. H. Frank	2.00
B. F. Butcher	1.00
Fred Butcher	1.00
E. Ogilvie	1.00
Clyde Forcht (Valley City)	1.00
C. J. Weldern	1.00
W. H. Maude	1.00
G. Marion	1.00
L. Cannon	1.00
W. Shales	.25
M. J. McLeod (Edmonton)	$10.00
Fred Stevens	1.00
A. Driggs (Morningside)	1.00
J. MacNab	1.00
Walter Simmers	1.00
J. D. Speirs	.50

Mr. F. E. McLeod has kindly donated what dishes we require and they are the best quality.

F. S. Partridge, C. P. R. agent at Coleman, has been arrested for stealing large sums of money from the company.

Notice.

The following telegram has just been received re the "Canadian Queen" Oil Co., viz:

Winnipeg, Dec. 6, 1909.

A. Hume, Lacombe.

"Canadian Queen" has secured 500 acres oil land located 150 feet from wells of Union Oil Co., which have been producing 25 years. Machinery ordered and drilling will commence beginning January.

Well No. 1 down about 700 feet. Good showing light oil. Subscription books close December 18th.

Sgd. S. W. BEATTY.

This is an opportunity for investment rarely given to the general public. Call at once and secure some of this valuable stock.

A. HUME.
Stock Broker.

Strayed

Came to my place about one month ago, 2 year old heifer, red with some white on it, no visible brand. Party please call, pay expenses and take away. E. Johnson, Canyon, N. W. ¼ 39-26 w. 4th.

LOST

Within the last two or three weeks, 1 light grey mare, 5 years old, branded on left hip, weight 900 lbs.; dark iron grey filly coming three years, weight 900 lbs., branded on left shoulder; dark bay 2 year old filly, no brand; 1 hind foot and fetlock white, rather chunky; light bay yearling past, small wire cut above knee and across nose, mixed gaited, sire "Old Banner." Big horse colt, 2 years old past, wire mark on each front foot, white hind legs, white star and spot on nose, rather leggy. Any information reasonably rewarded. Information by mail or phone to P. H. Lowe, Blackfalds.

ESTRAY.

One bay mare, 1050 lbs., 4 white feet, branded S on left jaw. Reward for information as to whereabouts.

H. M. TRIMBLE.
Lacombe

Estray

Two heifers, one red and one brindle. Been at my place for 3 weeks. No visible brand. J. R. Porter, Lakeside.

Estray

Came to my place 1 cow, light roan body, dark roan neck and shoulders, right ear split. Party please call, pay expenses and take away. W. T. Sherman, Canyon.

TALES FROM THE GOLDEN WEST.

"You May Break You May Shatter
The Vase, if You Will
But The Scent of The Roses
Will Cling to a Still
You May Use Every Grain
Throw The Wrapper Away
But One Thing Will Remain
And for Many a Day
You'll Remember The Delicate Fragrance,
And Say,

Royal Crown Witch Hazel Soap

Is a Dainty Efficient Toilet Expedient
And Produces Beautiful Complexions.

A Grand Collection of **Side & Back Combs** At 25c.
TO GOOD TO MISS

Table Cloths and Napkins
Every one appreciates fine linen and selects with particular care.
Our stock will make selection easy.

EMBROIDERED **5 o'clock Tea Cloths**
In newer and nicer effects and unusually moderate prices.
A gift that cannot be misplaced.

FANCY **Cushion Covers**
Daintily Embroidered with natural colorings and effects on heavy leather back satin and Japan Taffeta Silk.
$1.50 up.

Damasks
By the yard
We have a particularly well balanced stock of Table Linen and Double Damasks. Prices to suit all purses

We are adding daily to our variety of **BELTS** At 25c.
Never Better Shown

Duchess and Sideboard Scarfs
Plain and Embroidered
A variety of Irish Drawn and Renaissance work.

Hemstitched Fancy Damask **Runner Linen**
for Duchess and Sideboard Cloths.
Cut in any length desired.
45c. & 65c. per yard

GENT.'S FINE **GLOVES**
In Wool and Silk Lined Fownes and H.B.K. Brand
A very acceptable Christmas GIFT

Coat Sweaters
A fine range now being shown
A shipment per express expected this week.

To the Person
wishing an exclusive and highly priced gift, we are we are showing some very special silkolized fancy Repp and Tapestry, Table Covers and Curtains.
High Grade but moderately Priced

Xmas Groceries
Never before has our grocery department been so full of new, fresh Groceries. Anything required for the Xmas cooking or the Xmas festivities, we have it. Only No. 1 Quality finds its way into our store.

DON'T FORGET
to refer to our previous announcements.

A. M. CAMPBELL

The Leading Store

Cor. Barnett Avenue and Nanton Streets

Special Shipment
Just to hand of the reliable "Reynier" Brand Ladies' Kid Gloves in all fashionable colors.
Imported direct and fully guaranteed.

Groceries, Fruits, etc.,
Ontario Apples by barrel or pound.
Dates, Figs, Nuts, all kinds
Lemon Citron and Orange Peel
Layer Raisins, Honey.
Christies Fancy Biscuits
A grand display of High class but medium priced candies

FANCY JAP SILK **Handkerchiefs**
with embroidered Xmas Greetings also emblems Canadian & Amerian Flags
45c. each

Fancy and Fine **Lawn Handkerchiefs**
In endless variety.
5c. to 60c.

Men's Neckwear
We are showing some of the most natty Xmas Neckwear ever shown in Lacombe.
Express shipments bring something new every few days.

Silk Handkerchiefs and Mufflers
In great variety
Initialed Silk Handkerchief
Emblem " "
Plain " "
Fancy colored " "

FANCY CHINA, CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE
A very tempting display of this ornamental and useful ware may be seen on west side of our big store and an idea formed of what we are doing in this line, as in all others. Let us show you whether you BUY OR NOT.

Men's Furs
Special prices will be given during the Xmas Season on our Fur Lined Coats, Coon Skins, Lamb Caps, &c., &c.

IN OUR **Hardware Dept.**
We have Carving Sets in great variety.
A good gift for any Household.

IN OUR **Hardware Dept.**
We are showing some of Rogers 1847 silver cutlery The Best Yet.
Very suitable for a gift.

IN OUR **Hardware Dept.**
Skates are in great profusion and are always acceptable in season as a gift for the young

IN OUR **Hardware Dept.**
You will find many articles of use and very appropriate for gifts at this season.

House Slippers
FOR MEN
Many lines being shown and all good ones.

Of Local Interest

Two comfortable rooms to rent, also board if required. Apply to Mrs. Angus French.

A. Gilmour shipped out two cars of prime beef cattle this morning.

W. F. Puffer shipped a couple of cars of hogs on Tuesday.

A Carnival under the auspices of the Young Men's Club will be held on Tuesday evening next, Dec. 14

Our car of furniture is unloaded and placed in our show room ready for inspection. If we can't give you quality and price no one can. So before buying call and see us. —Morrison & Johnston.

The Hockey Club is now practising nightly, and will be in shape to win the championship in about a week. In the meantime the Club is short of funds, and have deputed Frank McLear to make a tour of the town in their interests. Citizens generally are requested to "dig up" when approached.

Go to the Lacombe Furniture Store, for organs, pianos, fancy upholstered parlor furniture & Xmas Novelties.

The Lacombe Produce Co. has purchased the elevator of the Alberta Pacific Co., and are buying all the grain they can secure. The company is contemplating going into the creamery business in the spring

Ask "Charlie," at the Lacombe Furniture Store to show you our special priced bed room set It's a dandy. Quality guaranteed

Mrs. R. S. Cairns, of Lamerton, who has been seriously ill for some time, is, her many friends will be pleased to know, now on a fair way towards recovery

Look in the Lacombe Furniture Store windows and see what we are giving away at Xmas.

A public meeting of the Temperence and Moral Reform League will be held in the Methodist church tomorrow evening and a large turnout is requested. Mr C. H. Galbraith, of Colorado, and Mr. W. G. W. Fortune will speak A collection will be taken up.

Coal, wood and ice, Strathcona, Edmonton and Halkirk coals; three best coals on the market. Wash ice $1.25 per load. Contracts taken for filling ice houses. Frizzell Bros., Phone 76.

We are open to buy hogs, fat cattle, lambs and veal calves. Also a few good yearling and two year colts. A Gilmour.

All account against Nelson S. D. are required to be in the hands of the Secretary-Treasurer on or before the 15th inst., to insure payment this year.

Mr. Guy R. Bowen is leaving on Wednesday for Vancouver, B. C. His daughter, Miss Tennie is accompanying him as far as Calgary.

The School Board should call a meeting of the ratepayers of the district to discuss questions in connection with the school. While a number of ratepayers think the expenses of the school are too high none of them have come forward and offered any remedy. A public meeting would give everyone a chance to air their views and the board might receive some valuable suggestions in this way.

Mr. and Mrs Jas. L. Storey and family left yesterday for a visit to their old Ontario home.

Highest cash prices paid for raw fur and hides at the Lacombe Furniture Store

We want a few good lambs for next week A. Gilmour

The Annual meeting of the Lacombe Brick Tile & Cement Co. will be held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, Dec. 22nd, 1909.
F. VANDERSOOS,
President.

Miss Dora Staack was one of the many passengers who left here Wednesday evening for the U. S. She will make an extended visit among friends and relatives before returning to Lacombe. Her many friends here wish her a pleasant visit

A mixed bunch of cattle, several horses, harness, etc., will be offered for sale at the Lacombe Auction Mart on Thursday, 16th Dec Good terms and a discount for cash Don't forget the date H. Thornton Bolt, Auctioneer Watch for posters

Dr. MacDonald, Calgary's health officer, cannot say sufficient in condemnation of the provincial regulations which demand that all cases of chicken pox in children over fourteen years of age and adults be treated as small pox, and that the patients be removed to the smallpox hospital.

John A. Barnett, a mail clerk of Winnipeg, has been arrested on a charge of stealing $5,885 from the Dominion Express Co. The robbery took place on the Winnipeg-Hartney train.

B. F. Bailey and family left on Thursday night for an extended visit to United States points. He will be absent about three months.

The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway is now into Camrose, and the citizens of that thriving place are getting up a grand celebration in honor of the event.

A respected resident of the Clive district developed a mild form of insanity last week, and has been removed to the Brandon asylum, where it is expected a cure may be effected.

CARNIVAL

A Grand Carnival will be held at the Lacombe Rink on

Tuesday, Dec. 14,

by the young men of the Methodist Church

Band in attendance. Good prizes offered.

Refreshments served by the Ladies.

A meeting of the Checker Club will be held in the Club Rooms on Friday, Dec 10th for the purpose of electing officers and discussing general business. All members are requested to be present.

Mr Marion, who has acted as principal of the Lacombe Public school during the absense of Mr. Carruthers gives up the school here at the end of the year During the time Mr Marion has been here he has proved himself to be a teacher of exceptional ability, and is held in the highest esteem by the scholars and their parents.

The Hospital Board has engaged the Great Bengough, the greatest cartoonist of the age to give one of his unparalelled entertainments here on January 6, in aid of the Hospital Without a doubt Bengough is the most original entertainment in Canada, and keeps the audience convulsed with his lightning drawings of local celebrities.

Girl wanted for office work. Apply to Dr. Shute anytime during office hours.

Witnesses accuse mine officials of not sounding the alarm when the Cherry mine caught fire, and of continuing to haul up coal while the conflagration raged, instead of bringing up the miners. A graver charge could hardly be laid at anyone's door. Whether proven or not it suggests legal regulations that might well be enacted in every coal mining country. It is possible of course that if the charge is true the fault was in the judgment of the officials and not in their intention. They may have finderestimated the danger. But a fire in a mine is a serious enough matter to warrant making it a legal offence to omit taking all precautions instantly.



Lacombe General Hospital now in course of construction.
T. Clark King, Architect

The Industrial Academy.

One institution that is not receiving much attention from the citizens of Lacombe, although it is making great progress, is the Alberta Industrial Academy, operated by the Seventh Day Adventists. Already the property around Barnett's lake has taken on the appearance of a village, with the large school building as the centre. At present the academy has an enrolment of sixty-six pupils, fifty of whom live in the dormatories. Of this number twenty are ladies. An enrolment of about eighty is expected by spring.

Early in the spring two large buildings will be erected—a boys dormatory and a school building. Waterworks, steam heat, and an electric light plant will also be installed.

A competent staff of instructors has been engaged, including two teachers holding B. A. degrees, and work as high as Standard 8 is taken up. A class in German is also carried on under the charge of a graduate. We will give a complete write-up of this institution later on.

Want an Extension.

Ottawa, Dec. 7.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. F. Oliver were today waited upon by a deputation representing the South African veterans' association. The deputation, which consisted of Lieut.-Col. Hurdman, Major Woodside, Major Winter, and Miller, secretary of the association, asked for an extension of time in which to locate land grants. According to the act lands must be located by Dec. 31, 1910, and work must be commenced by June 30. It was pointed out that if two years' extension were granted the veterans would have time to locate or dispose of their holdings On the other hand, if they were obliged to sell the speculators would be in a position to buy the warrants at a low figure.

The ministers were informed that up to the present only one-third of the grants have been disposed of.

Why Should Not Churches Be Taxed?

At a meeting of the finance committee of Calgary Council, Alderman Dr. Egbert and Mayor Jamieson both expressed the opinion that churches and church property should be taxed.

And this brings up the question, "Why is not church property taxed?" What argument can be advanced that church property should not be taxed that would not equally apply to other institutions? So satisfied are the Baptists on this point that in many parts, and amongst them Toronto, the church trustees insist upon paying the taxes.

There was a time in Toronto when a large part of the most unprofitable downtown district belonged to one of the churches of the city—and was kept in that wretched condition because the owners of it were free from taxation and were non-progressive. Afterwards, we are informed, a large portion of the property changed hands and with the change other improvements were made. Stanley street became Lombard street. Old buildings were torn down and new structures were erected and today the erstwhile way back district is a credit to the city and a benefit instead of a disgrace to the municipality. Similar conditions do not exist in Alberta, but this fact is not an argument in favor of freedom from taxation for church property.

In days of old the Great Exemplar laid down the principle to "Render unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's"—He did not seek to avail Himself of any Church saving clauses or clerical 10 per cent. discount.

At the present time in Britain a budget war is going on between the lords and the people, as to whether or not the former shall be granted their old time immunity from taxation, that sacred privilege that was granted to them at the time—or before the time—that churches were placed on the exemption list.

It doesn't require the eye of a seer to prophesy the result in the budget controversy in Britain; and it should not take long to bring in legislation in Canada to do away with a number of very unnecessary class exemptions.

Government of the Province of Alberta Telephone System.

TENDERS FOR TAMARAC POLES

Sealed tenders—addressed to the Deputy Minister of Public Works, Edmonton—and endorsed, "Tenders for Tamarac Poles," will be received up until twelve (12) o'clock noon on December 18th 1909, for the delivery of the following tamarac telephone poles, or any part thereof, not less than five hundred (500) at the various points:

Lamont 3000.
Morinville 500.
Spruce Grove 500.
Stoney Plain 2000.
Wabamum 3000.
Sebs, Entwistle, or Siding near Lobstick Lake, 4000.
Wetaskiwin 700.
Ponoka 700.
Blackfalds 700.

Forms of stender, date of delivery and specifications may be had on application to the undersigned.

Successful bidders—if any—will be required to enter into a contract for the performance of their tender and deposit marked cheque in favor of the Minister of Public Works for ten (10) per cent. of the amount of contract.

The right is reserved to reject any, or all bids, or waive any defects.

Parties tendering will have to make their own arrangements for permits.

JNO. STOCKS,
Deputy Minister.

Dated at Edmonton, Alta., this 4th day of December, 1909.

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